infrastructural facilities and improving the information system through computer networking which project is under implementation.

3. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has specifically taken up the issue of combating the menace of manufacture and sale of spurious, adulterated and counterfeit drugs in the meeting of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare on 12-13 July, 2001. It was resolved that special attention is required to be given to monitor illegal activities by a special intelligence cell in the respective Drugs Control Organisation and in seeking cooperation of pharma industry, the trade, as well as the police.

4. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of DGHS to examine the extent of problem and suggest remedial measures. Committee report has been submitted and being examined.

High Court order on Baba Mastnath Dental College, Rohtak

2666. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 348 given in the Rajya Sabha dated 4th March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Punjab and Haryana High Court has given any interim/ final order in the CWP No. 6054 of 2001 regarding Baba Mastnath Dental College Asthal Bohar, Rohtak, Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action having in view the future of the students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The Hon'ble Division Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh *vide* its order dated 1.8.2002 in CWP No. 6540 of 2001 has directed the Vice Chancellor Maharishi Dayanand University Rohtak, Secretary Medical Education, Secretary Finance and Director Medical Education, Government of Haryana and Principal of BRS Dental College, Kotbilla and DAV Dental College,

Yamunanagar and the Learned Counsels for the petitioners to attend a meeting in the office of Learned Additional Solicitor General at New Delhi on 9.8.2002 to work out the details of the solution in relation to various issues involved in the present court case. This case is listed for further hearing on 20.8.2002.

Tea extract injections for Cataract

2667. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea extract injections help in delaying the onset of cataract;

(b) if so, the research undertaken in this regard especially in the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB); and

(c) the action proposed to propagate the findings for preventing blindness especially in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Tea has been shown to have anti-oxidative property and thus may help prevent cataract formation.

(b) Experiments carried out on rats at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) indicate cataract progression was significantly slowed down following injection of extracts of black and green tea. Green tea appears to have better effect than the black tea. Treatment with laser is useful in some cases of glaucoma, retinal diseases and post-operative opacity following cataract surgery.

(c) Effect of tea on formation or progression of cataract in humans has not yet been established. Appropriate action will be taken only after usefulness of tea in preventing progression of cataract is established.

Oral Insulin

2668. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oral insulin has been invented under the supervision of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,

(b) whether it has been tested on human beings; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?